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Hydro Back on in Downtown London By 6:00 p.m.

After a full day of emergency repairs, London Hydro will turn hydro back on to the downtown core at 6:00 p.m. tonight. The core area will be secured at 5:00 p.m. tonight to allow repairs to continue overnight. Power has now been restored to City Centre and the Hilton Hotel. London Hydro and City of London crews will work overnight to rebuild the hydro vault and to repair the watermain.

Following a major watermain break at 3:01 a.m. this morning at the intersection of Wellington and Dundas Streets, hydro was shut off in the downtown core bounded by Dufferin, Wellington, York and Ridout streets.

During emergency repairs tonight, hydro in this downtown area may be shut off intermittently. Due to this hydro shut down and watermain repairs, some downtown residents may notice a discoloration to the water. The water has been tested and is safe to drink.

Motorists should avoid the intersection of Wellington and Dundas streets as much as possible tonight and tomorrow morning. For those traveling into the downtown area for work tomorrow, please plan on using alternate routes.

London Transit buses which run through the downtown core will be re-routing and may continue to be delayed by 15 - 20 minutes.

By tomorrow morning, London Hydro expects full power to be restored to the area.

City Hall and all city services will be back to business as usual on Thursday, November 1, 2007. Two key deadlines have been extended following the closure of City Hall on Wednesday. The deadline for property tax payments have been extended to Friday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m. and the deadline for taxi licence renewals has been extended to Thursday, November 1 at 4:30 p.m.

The public can get more information as follows:

London Hydro: 519-661-5503 (24 hours)
City of London Public Inquiry: 519-930-2139
London Transit: 519-451-1347 (24 hours)
Health Unit: 519-663-5317 (ext. 2300)